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Agricultural Income-tax

* 854 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount of Agricultural Income-tax demanded and collected during 1958–59 district-war?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A statement [a] showing the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know, Sir, why in Kanyakumari district which has a lesser area of paddy fields and which consists of small land-holders, the Agricultural Income-Tax recovered is in far excess of that of Thanjavur district which has got nearly 20 times the area of lands than that of Kanyakumari district? It is seen from the statement placed on the table of the House that the demand is nearly Rs. 7,21,468·63 from Kanyakumari district and with regard to Thanjavur it shows only Rs. 65,859·72. May I know the reason why the agricultural income-tax is so high in Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There is no plantation in Thanjavur district. In Kanyakumari district, the income includes the income-tax on plantations also.

* 855 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of Agricultural Income-tax realized from the Kanyakumari district in the years 1956–57 and 1957–58;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any complaints that the assessment during the last two years are exorbitant and arbitrary ; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the Administration Reports for the years 1956–57 and 1957–58.

(*b*) No, sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know, Sir, why the tax collected in 1957–58 and 1958–59 has increased much beyond that of the previous years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It has increased. That shows the progress made by the district.

SRI V. SUBBIAH : ஸார், எல்லா ஜில்லாக்களிலும் விவசாய வருமான வரிக்குத் தக்கபடி கலக்ஷனது குறைவாக இருக்கிறது. காம்பவுண்ட் டாக்சுக்கு எத்தனை பேர் பதிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்?

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